



December 3, 2013

Chairwoman Haines and Members of the Committee,

We appreciate attempts made by Representative MacGregor to recognize our ongoing concerns. However, due to the legally binding Memorandum of Agreement established within this legislation, the MDHA remains opposed to HB 4865 (H-2).

The MDHA has concerns regarding the Memorandum of Agreement referenced on page 2 line 23. Currently, PA 161 Dental Hygienists maintain relationships with licensed dentists through collaborative agreements. The MDHA believes that the proposed "legally binding" MOA would be a barrier to continue services by independent PA 161 Hygienists since very few – if any – dentists will sign such an agreement as defined and mandated in the H-2.

As the MDHA appreciates the efforts made by the legislature to continue its efforts to provide Dental Services to underserved populations, the MDHA and entities similar maintain that HB 4865 (H-2) will regulate a proven, reliable, and valuable entity out of existence. The MDHA hopes you thoroughly consider the changes introduced to you below:

"Amend Page 6, Lines 2-3, after "DENTIST OR PARTY" by striking the remainder of the sentence and replacing it with "MAY ACCEPT PATIENTS WITHIN THEIR SCOPE OF PRACTICE THAT HAVE BEEN TREATED AT THE MOBILE DENTAL FACILITY."

Again, thank you for reviewing the ongoing concerns of the MDHA and we hope thoroughly consider our suggestions.

Sincerely,

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